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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte meeting in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr Caton:

On April 11, 2002, a group of consumer parties in CC Docket No. 96-45 met by telephone conference call with Commissioner Lila Jaber of the Florida Public Service Commission to discuss the Notice of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service concerning the eligibility requirements for Lifeline and Link-Up services. Participants in the conference call from the parties were:

Karen Hardie, Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA)  
Lynne Montgomery, Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy  
Barrett Sheridan, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate  
Christopher Day, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops et al  
Ron Binz, representing NASUCA members in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Maine and Maryland

In addition to Commissioner Jaber, the following also participated in the conference call:  
Greg Fogelman, Florida Public Service Commission  
Charles Hill, Florida Public Service Commission

The presentations concerned the comments filed by NASUCA, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, et al. and the Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy. Copies of the parties' filed comments were provided in the meeting along with the attached handout summarizing the positions of these parties.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Binz

Attachment